

SUNDRY CONFERENCE NOTES

Last Issue Before the Conference

This is the last issue of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST before the National Conference of 1900. The next number of the EVANGELIST will reach Winona on the day of the opening of the Conference. A reasonable number of copies will be mailed to Winona for the accommodation of those who leave home before the paper reaches them.

Lesson Helps for Sunday, September 2

The Board of Publication will furnish Brethren and Youths' Quarterlies, also Lesson Leaves for use on Sabbath, September 2. The edition of Quarterlies for third quarter is about exhausted, but what we lack in Quarterlies will be supplied in Lesson Leaves. There will also be on the ground for use in Sunday school on the above date, a number of copies of *Our Little Folks* and *The Angelus*. All present will be welcome to the use of these helps, as they are furnished free of charge.

Books, Bibles, Etc.

The Brethren Publication Board will have on its bookstand at Winona a larger number of books, and a greater variety, than ever before. We make a specialty of Bibles, and those who expect to visit Winona will do well to hold their order for us, as we can save them money.

Mailing List and Accounts

In addition to books and Bibles, there will be on our table the mailing list of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, and thus an opportunity will be given to settle arrearages, renew subscriptions, and take new subscriptions. We will also have the Ledger accounts of those who are indebted to the office, and an opportunity will be given to settle old accounts. In all this we have two objects, one is to accommodate our customers; the other is to collect money much needed at this time.

Room for All, Including Horses

Brother C. F. Yoder furnishes us the following information and notes which will be of interest to contemplated visitors to the Conference.

Those contemplating driving to Conference at Winona may find livery accommodations by inquiring of Mr. Clark who drives the ice-wagon on the grounds. The barn is about 80 rods east of the park. A few can be cared for by brethren living in town who may wish to drive back and forth to the park. In general however, it will be better to leave all live stock (including cows and chickens) at home. This is in answer to a number of inquiries received.

There will be plenty of room for all who come at the reasonable rates which have prevailed other years. Rooms can be reserved

by writing to S. C. Dickey at Winona or by direct application to cottage owners after arrival on the grounds.

"Songs in the Night"

Rev. B. C. Moomaw, whose depth of thought and beauty of expression in writing are familiar to many "Evangelist" readers, is the author of a pretty little book, "Songs in the Night." It contains thirty poems through which there runs a view of beautiful and profound thoughts. Some of the poems, "My Mother's Grave," "Have Faith In God," "Any Wreck For Such a Shore" and "The Song of a Bird," thrill the heart. These verses are beautifully printed and reading them cannot fail to lend new inspiration to one's life.

Which?

Is your religion negative or positive? Do you look upon it as a sort of policy against the commission of sin, a locked door between you and the forbidden fruit, a strong arm to hold back your vigorous and perhaps struggling tendency toward indulgence, a very high fence to keep you in the narrow way?

Or is your religion a constant incentive to loving service; a call to helpfulness wherever need shows; a timely lift, an encouraging word, the mending of a way, the shining of a light, a message of cheer, a beacon of hope, a friend, advocate and champion of every cause of practical righteousness?

Are you merely trying to keep from sliding down, or are you struggling to climb up?

Is it your idea that religion is intended for the salvation of your soul; or for some millions of others as well, an end to which you may contribute?

Will a totally selfish salvation be regarded as a very beautiful one?

Deliverance

Last week the allied army reached Pekin, and rescued the Christians who for three weary and perilous months had been besieged there in the legations. Day and night shot and shell had poured upon the few brave defenders, and many found there a grave in the sight and midst of the howling yellow hordes. But the glad day came at last when the guns of the deliverers sounded nearer and nearer. Now they were thundering in the distant suburbs. Now they assailed the stubborn walls. Now they resounded in the streets. A joyful, thrilling moment comes, when the eager faces of friends from the far distant home countries thronged over the trenches of the besieged, to acclaim their deliverance. Imagination fails to grasp that scene. Think of the two hundred women and children saved from awful death. Imagine their delirious joy in the midst of their rescuers, in the certain prospect of seeing

home again and friends, and to walk in security the fair face of the world.

How sweet and thrilling will be the moment of rescue from the prison of this world, from the prison of these "vile bodies." How we are besieged and beleaguered here by fierce and fiendish enemies. How are we straightened, our liberty cut off, our lives, our soul life, in deadly peril. Myriads of enemies encompass us. But our deliverers, our great Deliverer, our best friends are on the way. The chariots of God and the horsemen thereof fill all the mountains in their grand march to our rescue. Like the besieged in the Chinese capital, we are to hold on bravely, yielding never an inch, the strong dying for the weak, if need be, yet holding on and holding out against every foe until the Captain of our salvation leads the hosts of our delivering friends over the trenches, and we find ourselves in their arms, our peril passed, our bondage over, and all the fair and beautiful world of the everlasting life spread out before us. Pass the word along the trenches. Courage, they come! We hear the tramping of the armies of the Lord. Another day of watching and battle, and we will be with our friends in the streets of the home city, beautiful with salvation.

The Best Route to Winona

Those who propose to attend the Conference at Winona Lake, should arrange to make the trip via the Pennsylvania Line direct to the Assembly Grounds. Elegant service from the East to the West.

Time tables, rates and any information pertaining to passenger train service will be furnished by Pennsylvania Line Agents, or same may be secured by addressing C. L. Kimball, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Cleveland, Ohio.

Brief Notes

Those who think of Christianity merely as giving earthly or material benefits have a wrong conception of the spirit and mission of the religion of Christ.

The noblest pursuit of life is not to secure bread for the body, but rather bread for the soul.

The reason some men, many men, are lost is given in the words of Christ: "Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life."

A martyr as he was led to the place of execution said, "I have only two stiles to get over to reach my Father's house, the steps up the scaffold, the other ladder led down from heaven."

Nothing in all this universe of God can satisfy the immortal spirit of man but Christ. In the image of his Maker was man created, and in him alone can he find rest and peace.

The greatest sin of the closing years of this nineteenth century, as well as the centuries that have come and gone, and that are yet to come, is *unbelief*. It is at the root of all that goes wrong in the social world. Turn unbelief into a loving faith in Christ Jesus and the great problem of life will be forever solved.